

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 21, 2005. Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 10, 24 to 29, and 31 to 36 are pending in the application. Of the claims under consideration, Claims 1, 6, 9, 24, 29 and 32 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for her indication that Claims 6, 9, 29, 32, 36/29 and 36/32 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In addition, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a telephonic interview during which various possible amendments to the pending claims were discussed. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments and following discussion reflect the substance of the interview.

Claim 36 was objected to because of an informality, i.e., it depends from a canceled claim. Claim 36 has been amended to remove the dependency on canceled Claim 30. Applicant submits that Claim 36 as amended is now fully in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Claims 1, 8, 24, 31, 36/24 and 36/31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,594,233 (Kenneth). Claims 2, 25 and 36/25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kenneth in view of JP 05169762 (Asakawa). Claims 3 to 5, 26 to 28, 36/36, 36/27 and 36/28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kenneth in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,882,127 (Amano). Claims 10, 33 and 36/33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kenneth in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,364,550 (Petteruti).

Amended independent Claims 1 and 24 now directed to a multi-media gaming printer including the feature of a thermal card read/write head comprising a thermal write head and an optical read head and one or more additional heads, with each additional head for reading and writing a nonthermal type card. In the case of Claim 1, the additional heads are selected from the group including a magnetic strip card read/write head and a smart card connector.

As discussed with the Examiner during the telephonic interview, none of the cited references disclose or suggest a multi-media printer having a thermal card read/write head and one or more additional heads for reading and writing a nonthermal type card. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 1 and 24 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

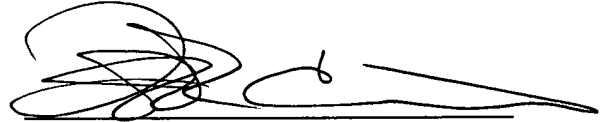
Claims 6, 9, 29 and 32 have been amended to be in independent form including the limitations of their corresponding independent claims including the limitations of any intervening claims, respectively, in accordance with the Examiner's previous indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 6, 9, 29 and 32 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the allowability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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